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SUBJECT: OPINION SURVEY IN SWEDEN FINANCED BY RFE

REF: STOCKHOLM 4819

1. REF DOES CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC OPINION POLLS IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING SWEDEN, AND SIFO IS CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH CZECHOSLOVAK, HUNGARIAN AND POLISH TOURISTS ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS.

2. THESE INTERVIEWS ARE DESIGNED TO CLARIFY RESPONDENTS' RADIO LISTENING HABITS. RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS ARE PUBLISHED AND QUESTIONNAIRES USED CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. INTERVIEWS ARE NEITHER DESIGNED NOR USED TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL DEFECTORS.

4. STEN SAUERBERG IS A DANE WHO HAS A PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH ORGANIZATION IN DENMARK. HE ENGAGES IN RESEARCH FOR DANISH RADIO. IN RECENT MONTHS SAUERBERG HAS BEEN ACTING AS ADVISER TO SIFO WHICH IS A NEW ORGANIZATION.

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5. THERE IS NO RPT NO CONNECTION BETWEEN RFE AND CIA. IN

THIS REGARD, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO NOTE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST 28, 1976 LETTER TO DAVID ABSHIRE,
CHAIRMAN, BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING.

BEGIN QUOTE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY
REJECTS ALLEGATIONS MADE BY SOVIET AND EAST
EUROPEAN OFFICIALS AND MEDIA THAT RADIO FREE
EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY CONTRAVENE THE AIMS OF
THE HELSINKI DECLARATION, OR THAT EITHER IS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.
THE RADIOS ARE INDEPENDENT, HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL
OPERATIONS WHICH MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
FRE FLOW OF INFORMATION BETWEEN PEOPLES. END QUOTE.

6. RL DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE CONTRACT WITH SIFO AND
WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF RL HAS CONTRACT WITH SIMILAR
ORGANIZATIONS IN SWEDEN.BETT

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